This case has been carefully reviewed and analyzed in view of the Official

Action dated 10 February 2005. Responsive to the rejections made in the Official

Action, Claim 1 has been amended to clarify the language thereof and the

combination of elements which form the invention of the subject Patent

Application.

In the Official Action, the Examiner rejected Claims 1-6 under 35 U.S.C. §

112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and

distinctly claim the subject matter which Applicant regards as the invention. The

Examiner stated that the limitation concerning the angle of the shock-absorbing

device needed to be more precisely set forth.

The shock-absorbing device (30) is at an angle that is not perpendicular to

the wheel frame (10), as shown in the drawings. Accordingly, Claim 1 has been

amended to more precisely reflect that relationship. The Specification has also

been amended to avoid any ambiguity with respect to the angle of the shock-

absorbing device (30). Thus it is now believed that the Claims particularly point

out and distinctly claim the subject matter that Applicant regards as the invention.

In the Official Action, the Examiner rejected Claim 1 35 U.S.C. § 102(b),

as being anticipated by Closser, U.S. Patent 5,582,418. However, the Examiner

kindly indicated that Claims 2 - 6 would be allowable if rewritten to overcome the

rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 112, and to include all of the limitations of the base

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claim and any intervening claims.

Claim 1 has been amended to incorporate the subject matter of Claim 2 therein. Therefore, Claim 2 has been effectively rewritten in independent form, including all of the limitations of the base claim, Claim 1, and any intervening claims, which there were none. Thus, Claims 1 and 3 - 6 should now be allowable.

For all of the foregoing reasons, it is now believed that the subject Patent Application has been placed in condition for allowance, and such action is respectfully requested.

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